



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, April 23, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at Maywood Park racetrack at 5:30 p.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jeff Brincat, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, Travis Swoope, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Domenic Di Cera, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

BOARD ITEMS

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. presented a report on their financial status and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Bill McKenna, Randy Olech, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc., Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc., and Hawthorne Race Course presented the status of implementation of the 7-day cycle for pari-mutuel settlements. William "Duke" Johnston appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park and Tim Carey, on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Commissioner Whalen moved to approve a request by Board staff to initiate rulemaking to amend Board rule 1318.90 (Use of the Harness Whip). Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Dr. David Fitzpatrick appeared on behalf of the Board. William Johnston appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. David McCaffrey and Tony Somone appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association.

Commissioner Whalen moved to approve a request by Board staff to amend the proposed rulemaking to Section 603.60 (Permitted Use of Foreign Substances and Threshold Levels) to reflect a change in the threshold level for Clenbuterol to the Limit of Detection in blood for standardbred horses. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Dr. David Fitzpatrick appeared on behalf of the Board. David McCaffrey and Tony Somone appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association.

Commissioner Swoope moved to approve a request by Board staff for three changes to the 2015 Board meeting schedule. The May 19 meeting will be moved to Fairmount Park. The July 28 meeting will be moved to Arlington Park on July 30. The October 27 meeting will be moved to Hawthorne Race Course on October 28. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve a request by Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. to license Renee Sheward as an Association Steward for 2015 at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Scates moved to approve a request by Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. to initiate rulemaking to amend Board rules 306.30 (Minimum Fields with trifecta wagering), 311.35 (Minimum Fields with superfecta wagering), and 324.50 (Minimum Fields with pentafecta wagering). Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote. William Johnston and Eliot Narotsky appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Brincat appointed the following persons to the IRB Medication Committee: Commissioner Dr. Robert Lunt, Commissioner Robert Muriel, Commissioner Shelley Kalita, Dr. David Fitzpatrick, Dr. Dawn Folker-Calderon, Ed Mingey, Marc Benoit, Brendan Heffron, and Mickey Ezzo.

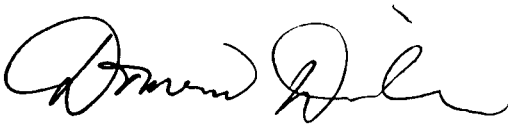
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m., Commissioner Swoope motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Domenic DiCera
Interim Executive Director